

MEETING SUMMARY
MISSOURI ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

August 6, 2003

Present:

Bob Matichek	Calvin Allen	Clif Johnson
Kim Dude	Dan Duncan	Peggy Quigg
Rhonda Wilkes	Scott Jordan	Sally Gibson-de la Motte
Keith Spare	Luis Cordova	Dr. Alan Reeves
Greg White		

Absent:

Sheila Grigsby	John Harper	LTDC William P. Johnson
Charles Megerman	Mona Perry	James Rogers

Regional Advisory Council Chairpersons (Or Designees) Present:

Sherry Nelson - Central RAC
Margaret Pierson - Northwest RAC

Regional Advisory Council Chairpersons Absent:

Liz Squibb - Eastern RAC	Mary Duff - Southwest RAC
John Nimmo - Southeast RAC	

Division/Department Staff

Michael Couty	Mark Stringer	Charles Williams	Heidi DiBiaso
Angie Stuckenschneider	Carlton Martin	Tom Kimbro	Chris Knigge
Teresa Robbins	Christine Squibb	Debra McBaine	

Guests:

Jerry Mathis

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Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	<p>Steve Narrow recently resigned from the State Advisory Council, therefore, Luis Cordova, Co-Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Introductions were made. Debbie McBaine, newly appointed Division liaison to the SAC, was introduced.</p> <p>Keith Spare moved to adopt the minutes from the Council's May 7 meeting. Motion was seconded by Peggy Quigg, was voted on, and carried unanimously.</p>	
Division Director's Report	<p><u>Budget Process</u> Mr. Couty explained the different phases of the budget process and emphasized the short response time that is often given to Division staff. The Division has received reductions in General Revenue (GR) in recent years but to date has not experienced a reduction in federal funding. He briefly explained the Block Grant Maintenance of Effort policy that requires states to stay within a three percent variance in its GR spending over a two-year average in order to avoid a reduction in federal funding. The same number of clients must also be served.</p> <p>Mr. Couty suggested the SAC may want to consider implementing a communication plan to ensure they have input or receive information on issues that arise during the budget process and legislative session.</p> <p><u>Restructuring</u> Michael reported that Division staff meet on a quarterly basis with all providers and are currently working with them to restructure its primary recovery programs while maintaining quality care. The proposal is to separate residential support from treatment. People who need residential support could have access to up to 21 days and still receive</p>	

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	<p>outpatient treatment after that time has expired or is no longer needed. This plan will bring primary recovery services closer to the CSTAR model.</p> <p>Scott Jordan asked for clarification on the Department's position for serving clients with co-occurring disorders. Michael explained as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each Division's providers (ADA and CPS) should have the capability to assess whether consumers are in need of mental health or substance abuse treatment services. ➤ Not all agencies will have the capacity to provide services to individuals with co-occurring disorders, but should have the capability to make appropriate referrals. ➤ Some agencies will have enhanced program models and will be able to provide services to individuals with co-occurring disorders. <p><u>Direction of SAC</u> Mark Stringer addressed the need for the SAC to consider changing their current way of doing business. Ad Hoc committees could be formed when there is a specific issue to address, otherwise, the SAC could meet as a whole rather than using the current committee structure. A lot of communication could take place via e-mail, conference calls, etc. A critical charge of the SAC is to play an advocacy role for prevention and substance abuse treatment services in Missouri.</p>	
SAC Coordinator's Report	<p>Debbie McBaine provided the following update on various initiatives taking place in the Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Southwest Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies, the Center for 	

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	<p>Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Division of ADA partnered on presenting training on the Strengthening Families curriculum August 4-5 in Jefferson City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Division of ADA and its production partners—Lottery, Education, Telecommunications Services (LETS) were recently informed they were finalists for a Telly Award. The Telly is an award given to outstanding, non-network television productions. This award was for the ads in the “Alcohol: Is it Worth It?” underage drinking counter-marketing campaign. ➤ The Division of ADA, in partnership with the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, has submitted a grant application to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention on prevention of FAS. Anticipated notice of award is September 30. ➤ The Division was recently awarded a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for an “Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws: Community Trials Initiative.” This will involve 14 Missouri communities – 7 as trial sites and 7 as controls, primarily in the St. Louis and Kansas City areas due to the population requirements of the grant. ➤ A grant application has been submitted to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for a “Co-occurring Substance 	

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	<p>Abuse and Mental Health Disorders” project and is awaiting award notice. If funded, this would include joint activities with Division of CPS and ADA providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Division staff are preparing the Block Grant application which is due September 1 to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. ➤ Data analysis is underway for the Synar tobacco inspections which were recently completed. The annual Synar report is due by September 1. The Division expects to be well within the required compliance rate. ➤ Jerry Mathis, Project Director for the Missouri Recovery Network, is working with a number of local networks to promote National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September. ➤ House Bill 600, signed by the Governor on July 1, includes the provision to increase the SATOP supplemental fee to \$125 (from \$60). It also transfers the authority to approve comparable programs to the Division of ADA (previously was done by Dept. of Revenue). 	
Committee Reports	The Council did not break into committee meetings due to time constraints and the need to address other business.	
New Business	<p><u>Council Role and Functions</u></p> <p>Lusi shared his thoughts on ways the Council could be more involved in Division activities, not only on budget and legislative issues, but as a major advocate for substance abuse and prevention treatment in general. He challenged members to look at their own</p>	Dan Duncan challenged every Council member to make a commitment to personally contact their local legislators between now and the November meeting to advocate for substance abuse prevention and treatment services. A show of hands indicated strong support for doing this.

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	<p>commitment to their communities and inspire the Department to work with the SAC. Council members are aware of the fact that Division staff do not always have time to obtain their input on pressing matters, but possibly there could be a better means of communication and other ways for the Council to be more involved. The SAC Executive Committee could be utilized for issues that require quick turnaround time. He stated that it is time to “think outside the box.”</p> <p>Peggy Quigg commented that there should be a provision for involving the RACs in this entire process. Charles Williams reported that his staff are in the process of scheduling regular conference calls with the RAC Chairpersons and this could serve as a means of regular communication that could then flow to the SAC, back to the Division, etc.</p> <p>It was also noted that RAC members need feedback from the Division on their recommendations as to why they can or cannot be implemented.</p> <p>Mark Stringer shared the three main priorities for the Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment on demand • Quality treatment services • Positive treatment outcomes <p>These are areas in which Council members can advocate on behalf of the Division on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Ms. Quigg stated that this is an opportune time for Council members to help set the stage with their local</p>	<p>Mr. Cordova stated that Council members should approach their legislators <i>as a voter from the district</i> rather than representing an advisory body for the Department of Mental Health. He stated this can have a much greater impact with them.</p> <p>Division staff will provide talking points for these legislative contacts to ensure consistency. The DMH Mission and Vision Statement will also be sent to SAC members and RAC Chairpersons to assist in facilitating discussion.</p> <p>Notice of the date and time for the RAC Chairpersons Conference Calls with the Division’s Prevention Staff will be sent out in the near future.</p> <p>Mr. Cordova introduced the option of abolishing the current committee structure, which is allowable according to the Bylaws, and moving to a format in which Ad Hoc committees are formed as needed to deal with critical issues.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Rhonda Wilkes moved that the Council table the committee format and meet as a whole, with Ad Hoc committees formed as needed. Motion was seconded by Keith Spare, was voted on, and carried unanimously.</p> <p>The following Ad Hoc committees were formed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC Bylaw Review – The committee will be chaired by Peggy Quigg. Other members include Luis Cordova and Keith Spare.

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	<p>legislators for any new funding that might be generated during the 2004 Legislative Session. She added that it is important to look at advocacy as a whole to generate discussion in the community. There are two major campaigns coming up that can be used to educate and raise awareness – National Recovery Month in September and Red Ribbon Month in October.</p> <p><u>Social Norming</u> Kim Dude provided clarification on social norming in view of the publicity this has been receiving in recent weeks. She also distributed a brochure, “Partners in Prevention.”</p> <p><u>Election of Vice-Chair</u> Due to Steve Narrow’s resignation, Luis Cordova will assume the role of Chair for the coming year. Luis nominated Rhonda Wilkes to serve as Vice-Chair and she was unanimously elected by members present.</p> <p><u>Housing Recommendations</u> Mr. Cordova requested that the Division respond in a timely manner to the Northwest RAC’s Housing Committee regarding the recommendations which were submitted to the SAC on May 7. He also stated that the committee would be interested in meeting with Mr. Couty at a future time to discuss their concerns in more detail.</p> <p><u>Staff Recognition</u> Ms. Quigg suggested the Council recognize Jodi Haupt for her contributions to the State Advisory Council and asked Division staff to prepare a certificate. Ms. Quigg will also be taking contributions from Council members for a gift which</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication – The charge will be to develop an internal communication plan that defines how information should flow to/from the SAC and RACs. Sherry Nelson will chair the committee and other members include Rhonda Wilkes, Mark Stringer, and Scott Jordan. • Advocacy – The charge is to establish consistent procedures for reviewing and tracking budget, legislative, and other initiatives in order for Council members to effectively advocate for substance abuse prevention and treatment services. The committee will be chaired by Calvin Allen with Dan Duncan, Peggy Quigg, and Clif Johnson participating. <p>Michael stated that he will assign a Division Regional Prevention Specialist to staff each of these committees and arrange for conference calls so participants do not have to travel for the meeting(s).</p> <p>It was recommended that Division staff explore the possibility of setting up a ListServ to provide another means of communication with SAC and RAC members. Debbie will explore this option.</p>

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	will be presented to her at the November meeting.	
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.	